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Outline of presentation to be made by Director of Central Intelligence
at the Joint Orientation Course.

In the Central Intelligence Agency presentation we shall present not only the military capabilities but a short talk on the Communist Party and its tactics and counterintelligence moves to prevent and expose such tactics.

We feel there is not much use to give the military capabilities of any countries other than Russia and the satellites because they are the only group that in the foreseeable future present a threat to the United States.

In round numbers, the Russian military strength is: (army, navy, air); and the satellite countries: (army, navy, air).

In comparison the United States military strength is: (army, navy, air) and with the help of what appear to be our allies (Western Union) this strength will be increased.

The Russian position should be emphasized as to its absolute position which is less now than it was before the war and to its relative position which, vis-a-vis the United States, is infinitely greater because Germany, Italy and Japan have all disappeared as military powers and because the military power of Great Britain and France is so much less than before the war. Consequently, the Russian position, relatively speaking, is much greater than it was in 1939.

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